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*We hope you all had a chance to celebrate the 150th birthday of West Virginia in some way. In our experience even those most well-versed in our history learned something new, viewed a document or image they had not seen until now, or enjoyed a freshly created tribute to the Mountain State. Courtesy of the Internet, you can still view videos and photos of the many activities of the sesquicentennial week and West Virginia Day 2013 on various Web sites, including ours. Our Web pages on statehood (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/statehood.html>) and our online exhibit, *A State of Convenience: The Creation of West Virginia* (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/statehood/statehood.html>), are great resources for all ages to learn more. Please continue to celebrate your West Virginia heritage, and to explore our state's role in the country and in the world, both then and now.*

## Sesquicentennial Celebration in the Archives

West Virginia Archives and History participated in the celebration of West Virginia's 150th anniversary of statehood in a variety of ways. Over 150 years' worth of documents, publications and images selected from the Archives' collections were shown in the Archives and History Library over a week of sesquicentennial activities at the Capitol Complex. The large display covered West Virginia history from the pre-statehood period through the present time.

The Department of Education conducted "West Virginia Ambassadors Camp for Social Studies and the Arts" during the sesquicentennial week for incoming freshmen for the 2013-14 school year. Counties were invited to send two students each and around fifty students actually attended, some of them Golden Horseshoe winners or History Bowl participants. Assistant Director Bryan Ward, with

the assistance of archivist Debra Basham, conducted tours of the Archives on one day and showed

a variety of items selected from Archives' collections on the next.

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## River Transportation Onboard for August 6 Program

On August 6, 2013, Gerald W. Sutphin will present "West Virginia Rivers, Steamboats and River Improvements" at the Tuesday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library of the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The invention and development of the Western River steamboat set the stage for America's Industrial Revolution, which transformed the United States and West Virginia. Sutphin will make a visual presentation on West Virginia rivers that were improved due to the invention and development of

the Western River steamboat. He will discuss how steam packets, towboats, ferries and showboats impacted citizens and the growth of the state.

Gerald Sutphin is recognized as one of the United States' foremost inland rivers and river transportation historians. Since working for the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for twenty years, he has been the owner/operator of a visual communication arts company for two decades and specializes as a consultant in the research, development, and presentation of inland rivers

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projects such as museum exhibits, publications, and motion picture production. His credits include *Sternwheelers on the Great Kanawha River* (co-author, 1991), *Two Hundred Years of Steamboating, 1811-2011* (researcher/writer/producer of DVD), and *The Great Kanawha, An American Story* (researcher/writer/featured historian on film, 2012).

On August 6, the library will close at 5 p.m. and reopen at 5:45 p.m. for participants only. For

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## Rock Springs Park Subject of July “First Tuesday” Talk

Joseph A. Comm, author of *Rock Springs Park*, an “Images of America” series book published by Arcadia in 2010, spoke enthusiastically about the one-time amusement park in Hancock County. His PowerPoint presentation was especially entertaining. If you missed the event or would like to see it again, visit West Virginia Archives and History on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory>) where

videos of our Library lectures are available. planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the lecture, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, by e-mail at [Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov](mailto:Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov) or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.



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## Gregory Clendenin Speaks about His Book

On July 11, Gregory Clendenin, a descendant of Charles Clendenin (the Charles for whom Charleston was named) through Charles’ son, Archibald Clendenin, Sr., spoke about his family lineage and his experiences in writing about it. He is the author of *The Clendenin Massacre*, a short novel published in 2013 based on the killing of



members of the Clendenin family by a group of Native Americans led by Chief Cornstalk, in revenge of the earlier killings of Cornstalk’s own family members by white men. Many attendees were also Clendenin descendants who were pleased to speak with and have their copies of the book signed by their multiple generations-removed cousin.

## For Your Reference

*A monthly column discussing the Reference Collection of the West Virginia Archives and History Library*

Knowing where an event occurred is sometimes more crucial than knowing when it occurred when searching for records. The Reference Collection of the Archives and History Library has an excellent selection of place name books and atlases to aid you in your research in Virginia/ West Virginia, in surrounding states to a greater degree, and the rest of the United States to a lesser degree. Here are some of the most helpful resources with comments on their particular usefulness, unless the title speaks for itself.

- *West Virginia State Gazetteer of Physical and Cultural Place Names, West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, 1987* [Survey Volume 24, 1986]. Includes all place names and named physical features found on United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute and 15-minute topographic quadrangle maps, West Virginia Department of Highways *General Highway County Maps*, and other sources. This gazetteer is especially helpful when a researcher wants to locate a community too small to be included on a commercial or highway map, or a creek, mountain, hollow or other geographical feature that has been used to identify a location that does not have a true community place name. In addition to the expected community (unincorporated populated area), city and town names, schools, named cemeteries, places of worship, hospitals and post offices existing at the time of publication are also identified. Parks and other recreational sites, archaeological sites, triangulation stations and

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Campers were formed into four teams and answered questions about West Virginia culture, geography, biography and history in a mini-History Bowl tournament run by Archives staff members.



Senator Joe Manchin was scheduled to speak to the Ambassadors on West Virginia Day, but had to remain in Washington for several Senate votes. Mrs. Manchin spoke in his stead, talking to the youngsters about the importance of education and about her own role as a member of the State School Board. She also shared that West Virginia Day is her birthday, too, and that as a child she thought all the day's celebrations were for her. When she opened the floor for questions,

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## **Saloons, Liquor, and Guns in Coal Camps To Be Discussed at August 8 Lecture**

On August 8, 2013, Dr. Paul H. Rakes will present “Don’t Cuss Me’: Saloons, Liquor, and Gunplay in West Virginia’s Early Coal Camps” at the Thursday evening lecture in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Economic opportunity attracted a number of people to the southern West Virginia coalfields in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The early coal camps in Fayette and McDowell counties and along the Cabin Creek District of Kanawha County witnessed a dramatic increase in population on what was, in essence, an industrial frontier. The attraction of liquor, saloons, and guns on this frontier led to frequent violence among a predominantly transient male population. The rise in violence in the coalfields caused

political problems for West Virginia Governor Albert B. White and also found the state Supreme Court of Appeals wrestling with interpreting the cases within the change of legal philosophy from “No Duty to Retreat” to “Back against the Wall.” In fact, before the coal camps matured, these areas of West Virginia bore a striking similarity to the more famous tales of the late 19th-century American West.

Paul Rakes, Associate Professor of American History at WVU-Tech, is a third-generation coal miner of twenty years who then earned his Ph.D. in history at West Virginia University. His research focuses on mining in West Virginia, and he has produced such essays as “Technology in Transition: The Dilemmas of Early-Twentieth Century Coal Mining” for the *Journal of Appalachian Studies*,

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### **Evening Workshops and Lecture Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Conducted by:</b>	<b>Subject</b>
September 10, Tuesday	Dr. Bob Barnett	<i>“Hillside Fields: A History of Sports in West Virginia”</i>
October 1, Tuesday	Dr. David E. Rotenizer	<i>“An Introduction to the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex”</i>
November 5, Tuesday	Terry Lowry	<i>“The Battle of Charleston and the Kanawha Valley Campaign”</i>

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Workshops are held 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the West Virginia Archives and History Library, The Culture Center, Charleston, West Virginia.



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lookout towers, plus rivers and creeks with all of their named branches and forks, lakes and wetlands are listed, as well as hills, mountains, hollows, gaps, valleys and ridges. Counties, tax districts, county seats and some roads are identified. Power plants, railroad facilities, locks and dams and bridges can be found. Monument sites listed are buildings, geographic features or other historically or culturally important sites, including West Virginia Highway Historical Markers up through 1967. Whew! As you can see, if you have any type of reference to the place great-grandma was born or great-grandpa was buried, you have a good chance of identifying its location—unless all you know is something really generic like “Left Fork” or “Right Fork,” for which there are over 350 listings each!

- **United States Geological Survey topographical maps** and commercially published atlases based on those maps by DeLorme and others can be used in conjunction with the *West Virginia State Gazetteer* to locate a specific spot, or separately for an overview of an area. You will find a DeLorme’s *Atlas & Gazetteer* for West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky each on the Archives Library Atlas Stand. A full set of Department of Highways *County Highway Maps* are gathered in a single volume, and are also printed in *West Virginia County Maps*, researched, compiled and edited by C. J. Puetz, Thomas Publications Ltd.
- **Place Names in West Virginia**, compiled by then Archives librarian Mary M. Jenkins around

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“West Virginia Coal Mine Fatalities: The Subculture of Danger and a Statistical Overview of the Pre-enforcement Era” for *West Virginia History*, and “A Combat Scenario: Early Coal Mining and the Culture of Danger” in *Culture, Class and Politics in Modern Appalachia*. Most recently, he co-authored a chapter in *Blood in the Hills: A History of Violence in Appalachia* that focused on the American common law and legal concepts that influenced violence among coal miners in the early

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## New Titles

- The Last Great Senator: Robert C. Byrd’s Encounters with Eleven U.S. Presidents:** David A. Corbin, 2012.
- Tales of Old Orlando: A Forgotten Railroad Town:** David Parmer, 2012.
- West Virginia Company Stores:** Dale Payne, 2012.
- James Clark McGrew: West Virginia Statesman and Servant:** Susan M. Hardesty, 2013.
- Rock Springs Park:** Joseph A. Comm, 2010.
- Look’ Back: A Pictorial History of Brooke County, WV:** Brooke County Genealogical Society, 2012.
- Along the Pocatalico:** Margaret M. Nava, 2013.
- Raleigh County Cemetery Records, Volume 1: The Cemeteries of Mount Tabor:** Genealogy Society of Fayette and Raleigh Counties, 2011.
- The Clendenin Massacre:** Gregory A. Clendenin, 2013.

## County Death Records Now Held Back 50 Years on WVRR

West Virginia Archives and History’s free, searchable online database, West Virginia Vital Research Records (WVRR), includes West Virginia county marriage records from the inception of each county up through the last year of records microfilmed in each county. County birth records are online from the beginning of recordkeeping in 1853 up through 1912, since they are held back 100 years for placement online. State death certificates have always been withheld fifty years before going online and are currently available from their inception in 1917 up through

southern West Virginia coalfields.

For planning purposes, participants are encouraged to register for the program, but advance registration is not required to attend. To register in advance, contact Robert Taylor, library manager, at Bobby.L.Taylor@wv.gov or at (304) 558-0230, ext. 163. Participants interested in registering by e-mail should send their name, telephone number and the name and date of the session. For additional information, contact the Archives and History Library at (304) 558-0230.

1962. The following notice is now posted on the Death records search page: “Due to concerns about county death records which are less than 50 years old having social security numbers available for viewing online, we have blocked searching for all death records less than 50 years old. The 1963 deaths will become available on January 1, 2014.”

West Virginia county death records, until recently made available from 1853 through the last year microfilmed in each county (ranging from 1967 to 1971) online, now are

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there was a hesitant pause before one young lady raised her hand. When called upon, she said, "Happy birthday!" After a second's pause the entire group then sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Manchin. With the ice broken, a lively question and answer session began, with the young people quickly displaying why they had been chosen to represent their peers at home. At the close of the visit, Mrs. Manchin and the Ambassador Campers were equally impressed with each other.



Also on June 20, State Historian and Archives and History Director Joe Geiger lectured on West Virginia statehood, discussing the reasons for western Virginians' choice to



separate from Virginia to form a new state in the Union, and describing the steps taken to accomplish their goal. The attentive audience included retired Archives historian Greg Carroll. On June 21 Aaron Sheehan-Dean, professor of history at West Virginia University, presented a second daytime lecture, "When West Virginians Remained Loyal: West Virginia Statehood and the Union," in the Archives and History Library. Bryan Ward spoke in the House Chamber in the Capitol on

June 22 on "No Ordinary Task: The Stout Hearts that Founded West Virginia," based on his two-part article with the same title that appeared in the January and February 2013 issues of *Wonderful West Virginia* magazine, with



illustrations by Jeff Pierson.

Additional photographs of these events may be viewed through links from the "What's Happening" page (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/whats happening.html>) on the Archives and History Web site.

## **Six Views of West Virginia Glass To Be Offered August 22**


On Thursday, August 22, 2013, in celebration of 200 years of West Virginia glass, "Six Voices: Six Short Stories about West Virginia Glass" will be presented in the Archives and History Library in the Culture Center in Charleston. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

During the presentation, six people will explain their divergent perspectives on West Virginia glass and how they came to connect with it. Each presenter will share one object that is symbolic of his or her story. The six presenters will be Millie Coty of Williamstown, who will discuss growing up in a glass town; Dave Bush of Weston, who will focus on teaching the children of glassworkers; Dane "Woody" Moore of Jane Lew, the manager of a glass factory; Dottie Daugherty of

Huntington, who inherited a passion for collecting glass; Dean Six of Cairo, who grew up around glass and has been the executive director of the West Virginia Museum of American Glass since 1996; and Tom Felt of Clarksburg, who moved to West Virginia because of glass.

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1980, is an alphabetical list of community place names with the county in which each is located, often with notes as to other names for the same community or dates of known existence. This list is also available online through our Web site at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvplacenames.html>.

- Also in book form on the Reference Shelf and online: *District and Place Names in West Virginia from the 'New Descriptive Atlas of West Virginia,' 1933*: compiled by Kim Johnson, 2004, is particularly helpful for locating magisterial districts. It also is available at <http://www.wvculture.org/history/communities/districtplacenames.html>
- **Kentucky Place Names**: Robert M. Rennick, University Press of Kentucky, 1984.
- **Ohio Place Names**: Larry L. Miller, Indiana University Press, 1996.
- **Edge Effects: The Border-Name Places**: Robert D. Temple, iUniverse, Inc., 2009. Includes Penowa (Northern Panhandle) and Kenova (near Huntington) for full comment, and mentions other West Virginia border towns, but strangely enough omits Bluefield, West Virginia/Virginia.
- **Appalachian Trail Names: Origin of Place Names along the AT**: David Edwin Lillard, Stackpole, 2002.
- **West Virginia Place Names: Their Origin and Meaning: Including the Nomenclature of the Streams and Mountains**: Hamill Kenny, The Place Names Press, 1945.
- **A Gazetteer of Virginia and West Virginia**: Henry Gannett, Genealogy Publishing Co., 1980. Originally published as U.S. Geological Survey Bulletins in 1904, these two volumes in one

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available only after reaching the fifty year mark, due to concerns about Social Security numbers appearing in these records online. Currently county and state death records through 1962 are accessible. 1963 county death records and state death certificates will be made publicly available online January 1, 2014. Subsequent years of birth and death records will go online each January.

## Archives Historian at Hatfield and McCoy Festival in June

On June 8, 2013, Randy Marcum, West Virginia Archives and History historian, attended the Hatfield and McCoy Festival in Mingo County, West Virginia, with a display at the Matewan Depot Museum of items from West Virginia State Archives

The Quick Guide to Death Records, available as a PDF on our Web site and as an Archives Library handout sheet has been updated, as has the Guide to West Virginia Vital Research Records article online. Both are available through links on the State Archives Web page (<http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvsamenu.html>) and the WVRR Web page ([http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)).

collections relating to the Hatfield-McCoy feud and the Matewan Massacre. Visit the Archives Newsroom, <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archivesnewsroom.html>, for more information and photographs.

### Check out Archives and History's YouTube and Facebook Pages

<http://www.youtube.com/user/wvarchivesandhistory>  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Archives-and-History/168933289812323>

contain place names appearing on topographical maps of the day.

- **The American Counties: A Record of the Origin of the Names of 3,067 Counties, Dates of Creation and Organization, Area, Population, Historical Data, etc.**: Joseph Nathan Kane, Scarecrow Press, 1960.

The Reference Collection contains additional place name and geographical resources, including census maps, for West Virginia and

its border states that you can browse if none of the above supplies what you need. Other place name books are in the Library's collection, but not cataloged in Reference. Some are with the history books for the specific county covered, or in the travel and description category for different states. Use the Voyager online catalog (<http://archives.lib.wv.us/>) or ask the library staff for assistance in searching for place name help for specific regions.

## "Ancestors" DVDs Available for Library Viewing

*Ancestors: Discovering Your Heritage* and *Ancestors: The Research Process* programs are available on DVD for viewing on the television in

the Archives and History Library Reading Room. *Discovering Your Heritage* consists of 13 episodes of

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## Calendar of Events

Please check our Web site (<http://www.wvculture.org/history>) for genealogical and historical society meeting announcements, and for more complete information on activities listed below.

**“OPENING SMALL WINDOWS TO THE PAST: HISTORICAL VIGNETTES FEATURING PERSONALITIES, PLACES, AND EVENTS” EXHIBIT,**  
through September 29, 2013: The History Museum Center, Buckhannon.

**“WV 150” SESQUICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT, through 2013:** The Culture Center, Charleston.

**THE IRISH IN WHEELING, August 6:**

Margaret Brennan, speaker, Ohio County Public Library Lunch with Books, Wheeling.

**HACKER’S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS 32ND ANNUAL GATHERING,**  
August 8-11: Horner. Registration deadline July 30.

**“REDISCOVER HOLLIDAY’S COVE,” August 10:** Weirton Event Center, Weirton.

**FORT MULLIGAN DAY, August 17:** Petersburg.

**“MYSTERIES OF THE ANCIENT ARCHITECTS,” August 29:**

Film, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

**LABOR DAY, September 2:** Archives Library will be *closed*.

**THE ROOTS OF UN-CIVIL WAR: THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORNSTALK’S CAMPAIGN, September 7:** Ansted.

**“REDISCOVERING HOLLIDAY’S COVE,” September 10:** Premiere of documentary,  
Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.

**“THE LEGACY OF MARY INGLES: 18TH CENTURY LIVING HISTORY EDUCATION ENCAMPMENT,”** September 13-15: Beech Fork State Park, Barboursville.

**PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF WEST VIRGINIA STATEWIDE MINI-CONFERENCE,**  
September 20-21: Morgantown.

**FURTHER INSIGHTS AT A LATE WOODLAND OCCUPATION IN MARSHALL COUNTY, WV: SITE 46MR155, September 26:** Jamie S. Meece, Stevan C. Pullins, and C. Michael Anslinger, speakers, Grave Creek Mound Archaeology Complex, Moundsville.

**ROANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENEALOGICAL FAIR, September 28:** Spencer.

*\*Only the Archives Library will be staffed—all other Archives offices will be closed.*

The West Virginia Library Commission Library in the Culture Center is closed weekends and all holidays.

“Ancestors,” a Public Television show produced by Brigham Young University Broadcasting. Five hours of segments deal with different types of records used for genealogy and

how to use them, as well as guidance in writing your family history. *The Research Process* contains 26 video segments totaling around two hours that describe a five-step research

process for genealogy. Both DVDs are shelved with the CD Collection and may be viewed on the Library television with headphones.

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